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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Appln. of: Craig Van Buuren

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For: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS  
FOR SIMULATING A  
BIOLOGICAL HEAP LEACHING  
PROCESS

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**Response To Non-Final Office Action**

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In response to the Office Action mailed June 6, 2008, please reconsider the  
claims in light of the following amendments and remarks.